

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BUCHAR 01771 260905Z

11

ACTION AGR-20

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 EB-11 COME-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

INR-10 NSAE-00 PA-04 RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-03

SAJ-01 SWF-02 DRC-01 STR-08 SCI-06 AID-20 IO-14

TRSE-00 NEA-10 /153 W

----- 071931

R 260810Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8519

INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY PRAGUE

AMEMBASSY SOFIA

UNCLAS BUCHAREST 1771

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, BEXP, RO

SUBJECT: GRAIN CONDITIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE - ROMANIA

REF: BUCHAREST 1639 (NOTAL)

1. AS RESULT OF ADDITIONAL SCATTERED PRECIPITATION DURING PAST FEW DAYS IN SOUTHERN AND WESTERN PARTS OF COUNTRY, AGRICULTURAL LAND HAS NOW RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 30 TO 70 LITERS OF RAINFALL PER SQUARE METER SINCE RAINS BEGAN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. LOWER ESTIMATE IS FOR EASTERN AND NORTHERN AREAS, WHILE HIGHER FIGURE APPLIES TO CERTAIN SECTIONS IN SOUTH AND WEST. MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS CONSIDER THAT GROUND MOISTURE HAS REACHED POINT OF EQUILIBRIUM, WITH SURFACE WATER SOAKING DOWN TO MEET WATER TABLE, IN MOST AGRICULTURAL LAND IN SOUTH AND WEST. NORTHERN AREAS, ESPECIALLY MOLDAVIA, CONTAIN GREATEST ACREAGE PLANTED TO WHEAT, AND IT IS HERE THAT INSUFFICIENT RAINFALL CONTINUES TO THREATEN WHEAT CROP.

2. GOR OFFICIALS POINT TO FOLLOWING AMELIORATING FACTORS WHICH COULD LESSEN THE EFFECT OF RECENT DRYSPELL:

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BUCHAR 01771 260905Z

A) WHEAT CROP OFTEN SUFFERS LOSS BETWEEN 5 PERCENT AND 8 PERCENT

DUE TO WATER COLLECTING IN LOW SPOTS DURING SPRING RAINS; THIS WILL NOT BE A FACTOR IN 1974.

B) IN FALL OF 1973 ABOUT 8 PERCENT MORE ACREAGE WAS SEEDED TO WHEAT COMPARED TO 1974.

C) VARIETIES SOWN LAST FALL IN ROMANIA INCLUDE LESS BEZOSTAYA (SOVIET VARIETY), AND MORE OF HIGHER YIELD VARIETIES INCLUDING KAVKAZ AND AURORA (SOVIET), AND LOVRIN VARIETIES 10 AND 12 (ROMANIAN).

3. BASED ON CURRENT SITUATION, SOME GOR OFFICIALS STILL HOPING FOR NORMAL

WHEAT CROP THIS YEAR OF ABOUT 5.5 MILLION METRIC TONS, BUT THIS IS CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AND BY NO MEANS ASSURED WITHOUT CONTINUED FAVORABLE AGRICULTURAL WEATHER.

4. ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES VERY PLEASED WITH NEAR OPTIMUM CONDITIONS FOR PLANTING CORN, AND ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY WITH CORN SOWING. TO DATE, SEEDING OF CORN CROP ABOUT 65 PERCENT COMPLETE.

BARNES

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CROP DESTRUCTION, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, DROUGHTS, METEOROLOGICAL DATA
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 APR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BUCHAR01771
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740099-0203
From: BUCHAREST
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740412/aaaaakdb.tel
Line Count: 81
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION AGR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: BUCHAREST 1639 (NOTAL)
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 SEP 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 SEP 2002 by BryanSD>; APPROVED <31 DEC 2002 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GRAIN CONDITIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE - ROMANIA
TAGS: EAGR, BEXP, RO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005